

WORLD RECORD IS OURS

Great Relay By Master Milers

By DOUG WILSON

BRITAIN'S four master milers—Chris Chataway, Bill Nankeville, Don Seaman and Roger Bannister—sent British athletics prestige soaring with a new world record for the 4 x 1 mile relay at the White City Stadium, London. Their cumulative time of 13min 36.4sec knocked 1.8sec off the previous best set up by the Gefle Club of Sweden four years ago.

But for Gordon Pirie's new British all-comers three miles record of 13min 36.4sec, the relay, a special event on the Britain v. France programme, which continues tomorrow and in which we have established a commanding lead in both men's and women's matches, would have reduced everything else to comparative insignificance.

Chataway, helped all the way by Ralph Dunkley, of Britain's B team, showed 4min 11.8sec for the first leg, over 1sec outside the average required. Nevertheless, it was better than I thought Chataway would manage after only 10 days' training following a six weeks' lay-off.

Bill Nankeville took over and was content to be paced by David Law, of the "B" team, for three laps. Then, putting to good use the speed training he has been doing since I became his coach following the recent death of Bill Thomas, the former A.A.A. champion cut loose on the last lap to clock the fastest mile of the team—4min 6.6sec.

Even allowing for the "flying" start this represents 28-year-old Nankeville's best-ever.

Bannister's Task

Don Seaman, a little impetuous—and who isn't at 20 years of age—ran his first lap much too fast and finished "on his knees" to record 4min 15sec.

What a responsibility for Roger Bannister who took the last stage! With the cool courage of a surgeon performing a major operation, the 24-year-old medical student responded magnificently to the challenge. Sweeping round the four circuits completely on his own, he returned 4min 7.6sec to bring another world record to Britain.

In the three miles, Gordon Pirie did not achieve his ambition of creating a world record, but he did get within four seconds of it, providing some of the finest distance running seen in this country and becoming the second fastest athlete over three miles.

He was five seconds down on schedule at two miles, showing 9min 5sec. At this stage he began shaking off team mate Freddie Green, and went steadily ahead to return 13min 36.4sec, a new British all-comers, British national and English native record.

In the men's events Britain lead France 65-38 and 42-17 in the women's.

MEN

220 Yards.—B. Shenton (G.B.) 1. C. N. Gibbs (G.B.) 2. R. Guillon (F.) 3. A. David (F.) 4. 21.7sec. Four yards.

440 Yards.—L. A. Smith (G.B.) 1. P. G. Fryer (G.B.) 2. R. Galland (F.) 3. Y. Camus (F.) 4. 48.6sec. One yard.

Three Miles.—D. A. G. Pirie (G.B.) 1. F. Green (G.B.) 2. M. Abdel Krim (F.) 3. R. Mahaut (F.) 4. 13min 36.4sec. Easily. British all-comers, national and English native record.

4 x 1 Mile Relay.—G.B. "A" (Chataway, Nankeville, Seaman, Bannister) 1. G.B. "B" (Dunkley, Law, Brown, Crook) 2. France 3. 16min 41sec. World, British all-comers, British national and English native record.

4 x 110 Yards Relay.—G.B. (A. Lillington, C. Gibbs, K. Jones, B. Shenton) 1. France 2. 42.1sec. Inches.

120 Yards Hurdles.—P. B. Hildreth (G.B.) 1. I. Heinrich (F.) 2. F. J. Parker (G.B.) 3. M. Chardel (F.) 4. 14.7sec. One yard.

3,000 Metres Steeplechase.—K. Johnson (G.B.) 1. E. G. Ellis (G.B.) 2. P. Prat (F.) 3. A. Lerat (F.) 4. 9min 10.8sec.

12 Yards Match record.

Hop-step Jump.—K. Wilmshurst (G.B.) (48ft 9in) 1. M. Baye Malik (F.) (47.10ft) 2. W. M. Laing (G.B.) 3. C. Epalle (F.) 4. English native record.

Hammer.—E. C. K. Douglas (G.B.) (177ft 8in) 1. P. Legrain (F.) (167.11) 2. A. Husson (F.) 3. P. C. Allday (G.B.) 4.

Weight.—J. A. Savidge (G.B.) (55ft 7in) 1. R. Thomas (F.) (50.61) 2. E. L. Guillier (F.) 3. M. Pharaoh (G.B.) 4.

High Jump.—G. Damitio (F.) (6ft 5in) 1. D. R. T. Cox (G.B.) (6.4) 2. T. Papa Gallo (F.) 3. K. S. T. Cunningham (G.B.) 4.

WOMEN

100 Yards.—A. Pashley (G.B.) 1. A. De Campou (F.) 2. S. Burgess (G.B.) 3. D. Laborie (F.) 4. 11.1sec. 1 yard.

80 Yards.—V. Winn (G.B.) 1. A. Oliver (G.B.) 2. S. Goullieu (F.) 3. O. Mcguillon (F.) 4. 2min 16.1sec. 2 feet. Match record.

4 x 110 Yards Relay.—G.B. (J. Scrivens, S. Burgess, J. Desforges, A. Pashley) 1. France 2. 47.4sec. 5 yards. Match record.

Long Jump.—J. Desforges (G.B.) (18ft 7in) 1. S. Cawley (G.B.) (17.11ft) 2. S. Glahn (F.) 3. A. Lambert (F.) 4.

Discus.—S. Farmer (G.B.) (159ft 14in) 1. S. M. Giri (G.B.) 2. P. Veste (F.) 3. Javelin.—A. Collins (G.B.) (120ft 6in) 1. D. Coates (G.B.) 2. E. Pinard (F.) 3.

Britain's Bid For Relays

By H. J. OATEN

BRITISH athletes open the international season to-morrow at White City with the first half of a two-day match against France. It will be continued on Monday, with both men and women athletes engaged.

Germany and Sweden are to be met in away matches later on and Holland are coming to London for a match with England. In addition a large proportion of the Swedish national team will be in London on September 23 for the floodlit match between London and Stockholm.

It is the Continental practice to stage full internationals over two days. We have dutifully fallen into line though I am by no means convinced that the British follower is yet prepared for the two day meeting. The British Board also seem to have their doubts, for this time they have introduced two extra events into the programme.

Both take the form of attempts on world relay records. The men are to attack the figures for four by one mile to-morrow and the women will attempt a new record for the three by 880 yards on Monday. The men have by far the harder task.

The time they will be attempting to beat is the 16min. 42.8sec set by a Swedish team in 1949. Britain is putting out two teams and France one in this record attempt, but the only one which stands any chance at all is the British "A" team.

4min. 10.7sec. Average

The race calls for an average of 4min. 10.7sec. per man. Here are the men on whom we shall pin our hopes together with their best times:

R. G. Bannister....	4min. 2 sec.
D. G. Seaman.....	4min. 8 sec.
G. J. Chataway	4min. 8.4sec.
W. G. Nankeville ..	4min. 8.6sec.

The aggregate of times is 16min. 27sec., well inside the record. Unfortunately arithmetic is no use whatever as a guide to our chances of setting new figures.

In a race of this sort, unless we are lucky enough to get opposition such as the Swedes provided for a successful attack on the world's 4 by 880 yards record in 1951, the runners are virtually asked for a solo effort. That is the case to-morrow, and it is not everybody who can run a solo mile in 4min 10sec.

A lot will depend, I think, on the order of running. My own preference is for Nankeville to take the first leg for I am sure he will produce a better time if he has no basis of comparison with anyone else; I would follow with Chataway, then Seaman, and finally Bannister, although what his feelings will be if he finds himself left to do something near a four-minute mile to break the record I dread to think.

Pirie's Three Miles

The programme is arranged so that most of the French stars appear on Monday—when El Marbrouk meets Bannister over a mile and Alain Mimoun runs six miles—and to-morrow's highlight, apart from the relay, must be the three miles, in which Gordon Pirie runs.

If we should be disappointed in the relay and not get a record here for Gordon to follow up three miles world's record he is after must come sooner or later.

Pirie has been relieved of six miles in order to leave him free to put all his efforts into the three, and he has said that this is the occasion he has been waiting for.

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World Record Bid By Pirie

By NORRIS McWHIRTER

THE eighth post-war international athletics match between Great Britain and France begins tomorrow at the White City with one of the most open events, the quarter-mile.

The French have not won this annual meeting since 1947 in Paris and their chances tomorrow of building up a sufficient lead to tide them over to the second day on Monday are slender despite our loss of those two great West Indians, E. McDonald Bailey and Arthur Wint.

Chief interest will centre upon two powerful world record bids, the 4 x mile relay race (outside the match) and the three miles by Gordon Pirie, who has switched his training to speedwork in an effort to try to add the Swede Gunder Hagg's three mile figures of 13min 32.4sec to his world six miles record of three weeks ago.

'Elbow Room' Plan

Pirie tells me that on the advice of his German coach, Woldemar Gerschler, he is going to attempt to run the first two miles in a seemingly suicidal 3min 56sec—his, as he says, to give himself "elbow room" over the remaining four of the twelve circuits.

Contrary to general opinion I feel that our chance of relieving Sweden also of the 4 x mile record are only slight.

Although on paper our team of Chris Chataway, Bill Nankeville, Don Seaman and Roger Bannister has 15 seconds in hand over the record of 16min 42.8sec based on the aggregate of their personal best times, they will be running virtually

solo over the last nine of the 16 laps.

To expect an athlete even of the calibre of Bannister to pick up much on the highly exacting average time of 4min 10.7sec without a man within 100 yards of him is unrealistic.

Europe's No. 1

British victories should come in the match high-hurdles through Peter Hildreth, probably Europe's No 1 exponent; in the weight-putt with John Savidge; and the hammer from either the Scottish doctor Euan Douglas or Don Anthony.

The French are strong favourites for the high jump with Georges Damitio who has often cleared 6ft 6in, and in the hop, step and jump with the Algerian M'Baye Malit.

In the absence of John Disley the steeplechase must be regarded as an open event with the French champion Pierre Prat a slight favourite over Eddie Ellis.

The first day ends with the sprint relay in which our ill-practised quartet will have to find several yards to match France's traditionally slick baton passing.

Of the six women's events the diacus, with Françoise Veste, is the only one upon which the French girls can count. Best of these should be the half-mile in which Anne Oliver, the new champion, will be supported by the world record holder Valerie Winn. Both these half-milers should combine together with Miss Eric Garding for the almost certain success of the 3 x 880 yards world record attack on Monday.

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FRENCH ATHLETICS TEAM

EL MABROUK IN TWO EVENTS AT WHITE CITY

PARIS, July 21.—P. el Mabrouk, the French middle distance runner, will represent France in both the half-mile and mile events in the international athletics match against Britain at the White City, London, on August 1 and 3. The team, announced by the French Athletics Federation last night, is as follows:—

100 YARDS.—A. David, R. Bonino. Reserves—S. Dercerian, R. Guillon.

220 YARDS.—A. Guillon, E. Bally. Reserves—A. David, R. Bonino.

QUARTER-MILE.—R. Galland, J. P. Martin du Gard. Reserves—A. Camus, R. Degats.

HALF-MILE.—J. Lacroix, P. el Mabrouk. Reserves—C. Bancourt, E. Djian.

ONE MILE.—P. el Mabrouk, A. Vincendon. Reserves—M. Félicité, R. Badet.

THREE MILES.—M. Abdelkrim, R. Mahaut. Reserves—A. Soucours, A. Mimoun.

SIX MILES.—A. Mimoun, J. Soucours. Reserves—R. Mahaut, E. Labidi.

120 YARDS HURDLES.—E. Chardel, I. Heinrich. Reserves—R. Roudniska, J. P. Crestois.

QUARTER-MILE HURDLES.—G. Cury, R. Bart. Reserves—A. Elloy, R. Mayordome.

3,000 METRES STEEPLECHASE.—P. Prat, A. Lecat. Reserves—E. Abdelkrim, R. Chicane.

POLE VAULT.—G. Breitman, J. P. Crestois. Reserves—L. Heinrich, L. Pressigny.

HIGH JUMP.—G. Damitio, C. Benard. Reserves—J. Thiam, R. Sow.

LONG JUMP.—Malik M'Baye, Y. Laigre. Reserves—L. Heinrich, R. Faucher.

HOP, STEP AND JUMP.—M. M'Baye, C. Epalle. Reserves—J. Galdon, A. Reuge.

WEIGHT.—R. Thomas, L. Guillier. Reserves—A. Sabourin, G. Maissant.

DISCUS.—J. Darot, J. Maissant. Reserves—L. Gueston, R. Monguillon.

JAVELIN.—P. Macquet, L. Ousman. Reserves—A. Guenard, R. Dubourg.

HAMMER.—P. Legrain, A. Husson. Reserves—L. Barde, F. Blonsky.

4x110 YARDS RELAY.—(From) A. David, R. Bonino, A. Guillon, R. Camus, A. Bally.

4x440 YARDS RELAY.—(From) R. Galland, J. P. Martin Du Gard, R. Camus, R. Degats, G. Cury, R. Bart.

WOMEN

100 YARDS.—A. De Campou, P. Garouste. Reserves—D. Laborie, T. Kaichinger.

220 YARDS.—Y. Monginou, J. Fournet. Reserves—R. Loustau, F. Ducher.

880 YARDS.—S. Grouillieux, O. Monguillon. Reserves—C. Buisson, C. Laurent.

80 METRES HURDLES.—G. Glament, D. Laborie. Reserves—Y. Chevalleraud, R. Glotin.

HIGH JUMP.—D. Laborie, S. Peironne. Reserves—E. Colchen, R. Granapin.

LONG JUMP.—S. Glotin, A. Lambert. Reserve—L. Martel.

WEIGHT.—P. Veste, G. Lariviere. Reserves—P. Laurent, R. Taudiere.

DISCUS.—P. Laurent, P. Veste. Reserves—A. Dupont, L. Durand.

JAVELIN.—E. Pinard. Reserves—B. Taudiere, L. Mouchard.

4 x 110 YARDS RELAY.—(From) A. De Campou, P. Garouste, F. Kaichinger, Y. Monginou, O. Laborie.

—Reuter.

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3-Mile Chance For Pirie

By **NORRIS McWHIRTER**

GORDON PIRIE may launch another attack on the world three-mile record of 13 min 32.4 sec when he runs for Great Britain in the international match against France at the White City on August 1 and 3.

Pirie broke the world record for six miles in the AAA Championships at the White City last Friday.

Chris Chataway, now in mid-Atlantic, on his way back from America, has been preferred to Roger Bannister for the one mile against France, and is partnered by Don Seaman.

All three, together with six others, have been nominated for two 4 x one-mile relay teams. The target is Sweden's 1949 World record which requires the exacting average time of 4min 10.7sec a stage.

100yds: E McDonald Bailey, B Shenton; Reserve K J Jones. **220yds:** Bailey, Shenton; Reserve C N Gibbs. **440yds:** P C Fryer, L A Smith; Reserve D J Rawe. **330yds:** R G Bannister, B Hewson; Reserve C T White. **One Mile:** C J Chataway, D C Seaman; Reserve G W Nankeville. **Three Miles:** F Green, D A G Pirie; Reserve I Binnie.

Six Miles: I Binnie, F D Sando; Reserve W Hesketh. **120 Yds Hurdles:** P B Hildreth, F J Parker; Reserve P A L Vine. **440 Yds Hurdles:** A J Hardy, H Whittle; Reserve D K Gracie. **3,000 Metres Steeplechase:** J I Disley, E G Ellis; Reserve K Johnson. **Pole Vault:** G M Elliott, I Ward; Reserve G Calladine. **Weight:** J A Giles, J A Savidge; Reserve M Pharaoh. **Discus:** Pharaoh, Savidge; Reserve A W Sibberly.

Javelin: M Denley, K E Flanagan; Reserve D E Tucker. **Hammer:** D W Anthony, E C K Douglas; Reserve P C Allday. **Hop Step and Jump:** K Wilmshurst, W M Laing; Reserve L H Platt. **Long Jump:** P A Whaley, A R Cruttenden; Reserve I G H Walker. **High Jump:** D R T Cox, K Cunningham; Reserve P J Brinson. **4 x 110 Yards Relay (from):** Bailey, Gibbs, W Jack, Jones, Shenton. **4 x 440 Yds Relay (from):** Fryer, Smith, Rawe, A W Scott, J E A Robertson. **4 x One Mile (non-match event):** to be nominated from Bannister, J W Brown, A D Brockenridge, Chataway, D S Crook, R H Dunkley, D C Law, Nankeville, Seaman.

WOMEN'S EVENTS

100 Yards: A Pashley, S Burgess; Res: J Scrivens. **220 Yds:** A Johnson, Pashley; Res: J Newbould. **550 Yds:** A Oliver, V Winn; Res: N R Smalley. **30 Metres Hurdles:** J Desforges, J Pond; Res: S Sewell. **High Jump:** S Lerwill, T Hopkins; Reserve D Tyler. **Long Jump:** Desforges, S Cawley; Reserve: Sewell. **Weight:** J Linsell, S Farmer; Reserve M Girl. **Discus:** Farmer, Girl; Reserve: P Jones.

Javelin: D Coates, A Collins; Reserve J Evans. **4 x 110yds relay (from):** Pashley, Scriven, Johnson, Desforges, Burgess. **3 x 300yds (non-match event):** Two teams to be chosen from Oliver, Winn, Smalley, E Harding, P Green, D Leather, M Slemon.

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Write Shuttle

AT long last Britain is staging officially organised attacks on world athletics records.

The Amateur Athletic Board's announcement that a British team will make an assault on Sweden's 4 x 1 mile relay record during the Britain v France match at White City on August 1 indicates a welcome change from our old policy of regarding such races as stunts.

In the past we have lost dozens of opportunities of smashing world relay records; but the standards are now so high that only attempts by national teams can hope to succeed.

Our Best Four

THE target on August 1 is the 16min 42.8sec set by Sweden in Stockholm on August 5, 1949. The team, who averaged 4min 10.7sec, included Ingvar Eriksson, Olle Aberg and Gosta Bergqvist, who have all run the distance inside Sydney Wooderson's British record of 4min 6.4sec.

Britain's top four at the moment seem to be Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway, Bill Nankeville, and Don Seaman. Their best times aggregate eight seconds inside the record.

A margin of only two seconds per man is not comfortable in view of the poor opposition likely, unless the French consent to run their Moroccan star, P. El Mabrouk, and R. Badet in the first and second stage.

Russian Danger

OTHER attack being organised is on the women's 3 x 880 yards record set at 7min 0.6sec by Margaret Critchley, Joan Dryden, and Phyllis Green, of Ilford AC last June.

A team including individual world record-holder Valerie Ball, now on her honeymoon in Spain; Enid Harding, holder of the British record, and either M. Taylor, the WAAA champion, or Hazel Needham, should be able to slice nearly ten seconds off this time.

Chief danger is that the Russians will put the record out of reach before August. They have awakened to the possibilities of record attempts over

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British as opposed to metric distances, and they possess a formidable number of fast girl half-milers.

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Attempts in London on world records

British Amateur Athletic Board are to stage two attempts on existing world records at the White City on August 1, during the international match between Great Britain and France.

The attempts will be on the four by one mile men's relay, for which the world record is 16min. 42.8sec., held by Gavle Idrottsforening, of Sweden, and the three by 880 yards women's relay of 7min. 0.6sec., held by Ilford AC.

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...oving in Birmingham last night that it was deplorable that Entertainment Tax proposals had been introduced which would hit cricket "to an almost crippling degree."

"The proposed tax restricts one of the few influences for good for boys in this country," he said.

"It's not easy for one cyclist to pedal the whole twenty-two miles, seeing it's impossible for him to go all out.

"So, just as the team men running the distances drop out after their portion, so do the cyclists. Then others take over."

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Here's the style that has made Valerie Ball Britain's ace woman athlete.

Girl who can smash more records

behind in the race for world records. At the same meeting the best milers in the country—and three of them should be Roger Bannister, Chris Chataway and Bill Nankeville—will try to break the 4 x 1 mile relay record, which stands to the credit of Sweden at 16m. 42.8s.

James Stagg

B RITAIN'S ace woman athlete, Valerie Ball, is honeymooning in Barcelona with her husband, Chris Winn, the Rugby international.

In two weeks' time twenty-three-year-old Valerie comes home to start training for what she hopes will be the most successful season of her athletic career.

She will be after the records—the world record for the 880 yards, and she will be working hard to retain her 440 yards British title, as well as winning back the half-mile, when the Women's Amateur Athletic championships are held in July.

And Valerie will be one of our strongest hopes when the attempt is made on the world record for the 3 x 880 yards relay, during the annual athletics match between Britain and France at the White City, London, on Aug. 1. Britain's men athletes don't intend to be left

ONE FIGHT MAY LEAD TO ANOTHER

J OHNNY SULLIVAN, Preston middleweight, who recently returned from America, may fight South African Jimmy Elliott in Johannesburg on May 30.

His manager, Mr. George Dingley, will decide on the offer after Sullivan has fought Marcel Assire, France, in Manchester on April 10.

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